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April 9, 1997

The Honorable James Quello, Commission
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Honorable James Quello:

I am the superintendent from the Iron Mountain Public School District, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connection for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

In the Iron Mountain Public School District, we are strongly committed to technology. Our goal is to have a cluster of computers in every classroom and to have those computer on-line. With budget restrictions, we are struggling to try to meet this goal.

With the discounts available, are goal can become a reality. We currently have networked computer labs that are on-line for the students - at a substantial cost to the district. By utilizing the discounts that are available, we could dedicate the savings towards the purchase of classroom computers and on-line access at a reasonable cost.

We consider the Iron Mountain Public Schools "The Place To Succeed". To allow our students to compete in the 21st century, access to technology of all kinds, must be provided. Distance Learning must also be available. With our current financial restraints, these goals are extremely difficult to achieve. The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount is essential for school districts to provide the technology that is needed to our children.



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Our children face the future with confidence

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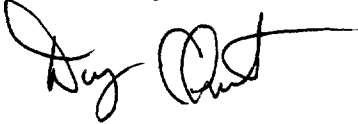


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Our students need deep discounts for telecommunication services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denny Chartier", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Denny Chartier
Superintendent

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*Somewhere
in Time*

The Radio Show

Mr. James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communication Commission
Washington, D.C.

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It will be a wonderful day! Twelve fourth and fifth graders from the Brady Elementary School in Detroit will be receiving their third class operators' licences after completing a year of broadcasting training. The students have a regular DJ show on WDTR-FM and have been learning radio sign language, script writing, production and techniques for writing commercials.

We would like to invite you to be our special guest at their "graduation" on June 6th at 1:30 P.M. to comment on the future of radio, especially for these students in the 21st century.

As the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show, Somewhere in Time, we have been giving our time to introduce these students to the world of work, at no cost to the Detroit Board of Education. Frankly, it is one of the most rewarding experiences we have ever had. We're proud of our students...they are most professional and serious about their radio class.

Pat Mulligan suggested you might be interested in this project and willing to be our principal speaker. Our special program will be held at the Brady Elementary School located at 2920 Joy Road, Detroit Michigan. We would like to have your acceptance as soon as possible in order to ensure adequate press coverage.

Carpe Diem!

Tom Wilson Sarah (with smiley face)
Tom Wilson and Sarah Swanson

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OFFBEAT RADIO

'Somewhere in Time' Bridges Years

by Dee McVicker

DETROIT Music divides generations. The young and their elders have been at odds over what's rhythm, what's not, and how loud it should be, no doubt since humans began rapping on log drums.

A syndicated nostalgia show out of a high school station in Detroit is a notable exception. "Somewhere In Time" revisits the airwaves of yesteryear with Big Band music and old-time commercials, but it also has an appeal that transcends age.

With support staff and talent ranging in age from 14 to 95, the show has more than just violins and remember-whens.

Father to daughter

Consider the host and co-host of "Somewhere In Time," broadcast on WDTR weekdays at 7 a.m. and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

Tom Wilson, a 66-year-old estate planning attorney, was an all-night platter pusher in the Detroit market in the prime of the Big Band era. He fondly remembers ribbon mics, 78 rpm turntables and what was on the turntable at the time: Spike Jones, the Mills Brothers, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman. Three years ago he returned to the airwaves to host "Somewhere In Time" with co-host Sarah Swanson, whom he calls the "gee whiz" girl.

Swanson, 20, is a student at the University of Michigan, Dearborn. Although she is often wide-eyed at the stories about old-time radio (hence Wilson's nickname for her), she is not a broadcast novice. She is a communications major with high school broadcast experience. Her repertoire includes digital workstations, lapel mics and music with a good bit of its



Tom Wilson and Sarah Swanson are hosts of 'Somewhere in Time.'

own swing.

Not surprisingly, the hosts engage in a lot of generational ribbing. "People think of it as a father or grandfather talking to his daughter," said Wilson.

The shows are unscripted and spontaneous. They typically open with a guess-who question about a band, singer or era and include music and commercials from the '40s and '50s and other sound bites of the time. Listeners hear the likes of Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, Shep Fields, Garry Moore and Durwood Kirby. On Thursdays, the show features pipe organ music.

Some of the music is from Wilson's private library of 33-1/3 records and digitally re-mastered compact discs. Others come from public domain or from old-time recordings. At last count, the show had over 1,000 old-time commercials.

"We even play a cigarette commercial every once in a while, explaining of course that it is for educational purposes," said Wilson.

Noted personalities and guests take part on occasion. Richard E. Osgood, a 95-year-old radio veteran known in these parts as the dean of Detroit radio, talks about the people of his radio days. He started in 1935 at WXYZ in Detroit, and can recall many insightful conversations with the Lone Ranger and the Green Hornet.

Jack the Bellboy spins a few tales and records on the show. Now 85, he was the top DJ in the city in the late '40s and '50s. He quit radio when his employer required him to play Elvis Presley. Local celebrity Bill Kennedy, 88, telecommutes from Florida as the show's movie commentator, a tradition started 27 years ago. Quick-wit B. Franklin Steiner, also 88,

furnishes great quotes to close each "Somewhere In Time" show. One of his most famous: Eat, drink and re-marry.

The show, now syndicated to 40 public stations, is intended to be educational as well as entertaining. For example, the show recently focused on George Gershwin and his Rhapsody in Blue, which many consider the transition between classical and American popular music.

The usual banter between host and co-host threaded through the Gershwin show. Ad-libbing, Swanson named a litany of Gershwin characteristics, including his 15-cigar-a-day habit and his penchant for ice cream (a quart a day). Swanson related that Gershwin would stick his head in a special machine about the size of a refrigerator, apparently to promote hair growth. Noting a similar balding condition on Wilson's head, she suggested this might be something for him to try.

Fox trot to hip-hop

The duo often takes to the road to visit retirement and convalescent homes. He goes as he is; she wears a poodle skirt and saddle shoes. Usually they start by dancing the fox trot; then, in what Wilson describes to the crowd as today's music, Swanson breaks into hip-hop dancing, "an athletic event" compared to the tamer dancing of his era, Wilson points out.

Swanson will "inject a youthful, inquisitive question that a person my age wouldn't think of. It's a fresh voice," Wilson said.

Swanson admits she doesn't listen to Big Band music at home, but she is developing a taste for it. "I like that the music is upbeat, and it doesn't make you think of all the bad things that are happening in the world," she said.

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Dee McVicker is a free-lance writer and regular contributor to RW. Reach her at (602) 545-7363 or roots@primenet.com

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The Honorable James Quello
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Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am a consultant at the Heart of Georgia RESA in Eastman, Georgia. Our agency serves ten school systems in the middle Georgia area. Our schools may not be able to afford Internet access without the E-Rate. All students deserve access to the Information Highway, and especially systems which are small, rural, and have so few resources. This plan is essential for preparing our children for tomorrow's work force. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you for your dedication and support.

Cheryl West

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Craig L. Poll, Principal

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April 2, 1997

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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St. NW, Room 802
Washington, D.C., 20054

Dear Commissioner Quello,

As public school teachers, we write in support of meaningful discounts on telecommunications services for schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The Telecommunications Act--through its Universal Service Fund provisions--mandates the development of special discount rates for all schools and libraries so that they can secure services at affordable prices.

Educators know that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of our nation's children. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology they would need to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century.

Last November, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service sent to the FCC a set of recommendations for implementing the Universal Service Fund provisions related to schools and libraries. These recommendations would give our learning institutions significant discounts on all services that are commercially available, with deeper discounts for those schools and libraries least able to pay and more expensive to service. All schools would get discounts on connections to classrooms and Internet connectivity, both of which are essential to providing the most advanced learning opportunities to the greatest number of students.

We urge your support for the Joint Board's recommendations. Taken as a whole, they will provide affordable discounts for a full range of services, and give schools and libraries flexibility in choosing the services needed to meet each community's diverse needs. Most importantly, these provisions, if adopted by the FCC, will make advanced technology for learning available to all Americans.

Thank You,

Undersigned Faculty and Staff Members

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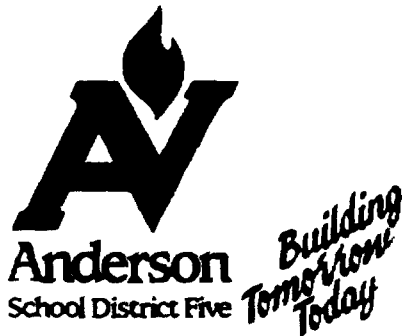
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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the superintendent of Anderson School District Five, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Anderson School District Five is currently in the process of developing networking access for up to seven computers into all classrooms in our school district, which will be completed during the summer of 1997. During the 1997-98 school year, we hope to get at least three computers into each of our elementary classrooms (approximately 260 classrooms). Since we also have a wide area network (WAN) that these computers will have access to, we will need to add more bandwidth so that our students will have access to the Internet and distance-learning opportunities as the computers into the classrooms are brought online.

Anderson School District Five would be able to take these funds and use them to add additional telecommunication services to our existing system by:

1. The leasing of more T1 facilities to give needed bandwidth and speed to the classroom in each of our 15 schools over our wide area network (WAN).
2. The purchase of the necessary routing equipment for those new services to connect those additional T1 facilities to our WAN.

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April 24, 1997

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3. With the additional bandwidth, we would be able to purchase distance-learning equipment that would allow our students to be involved with educational opportunities in other areas of the United States and around the world.
4. Higher recurring costs for these needed telecommunications facilities would directly affect (negatively) our ability to expand the system that we already have.

Additionally, monies saved through discounts could provide much needed resources to support other academic needs. School districts need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. Available resources for school districts are limited, compared to the need. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Karen C. Woodward, Ed. D.
Superintendent

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From: Jane Currie

Subject: CC Docket No. 96-45

COMMENTS:

April 24, 1997

The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the educational technology coordinator for the Treutlen County school system, and I would like to express my gratitude for the actions you have taken to ensure that all school districts will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. In my position, I am very much aware of the impact technology has on our everyday lives and especially on education.

I am also the vocational education coordinator for our school system and, thus, very concerned about the preparation of our students for the workforce of tomorrow. The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that small, rural school systems like ours will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet. It will also allow our school system to continue to provide distance-learning opportunities. It is important to bring these services directly to the classroom where students learn. Thus, your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is crucial.

We currently have one dial-in connection to the Internet at two of our three schools. Needless to say, we cannot meet the needs of all our students with this limited access. These discounts would allow us to provide the wonderful resources available on the Information Superhighway to a greater number of students, a benefit magnified by our inaccessibility to more traditional resources that are available to schools in more populated parts of our state.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jane Currie
Technology/Vocational Coordinator

Spring Hill

Unified School District #230



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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
191 M. Street, N.W., Room 8802
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello,

I am the school board president for Spring Hill Unified School District No. 230 in Spring Hill, Kansas. I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and more importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our district has been using grant funds to equip classrooms and labs with up-to-date computer equipment. Now we need help to allow our students to learn and communicate globally.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Katie Fisher

Mrs. Katie Fisher
Board President

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GARY J. WALDEN, Superintendent

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April 24, 1997

The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the superintendent from Treutlen County Schools, and I am writing to express my gratitude for the actions you have taken to ensure that all school districts will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

Educators in our system are very concerned about preparing the workforce of tomorrow. The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and, in our case, be able to continue to provide distance-learning opportunities. It is important to bring these services directly to the classroom where students learn. Thus, your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is crucial.

We currently have one dial-in connection to the Internet at two of our three schools. Needless to say, we cannot meet the needs of all our students with this limited access. These discounts would allow us to provide the wonderful resources available on the Information Superhighway to a greater numbers of students, a benefit magnified by our inaccessibility to more traditional resources that are available to schools in more populated parts of our state.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gary J. Walden

Gary J. Walden
Superintendent

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April 22, 1997

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Commissioner James H. Quello
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

WE are faculty and staff from *BERRY ELEMENTARY* in Maryland. We are writing in support of the Universal Service discounts for schools and libraries that have been recommended by the Joint Board.

We would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Joint Board discount plan will guaranteed that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and, importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discount is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. We urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal services for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Ervin

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The Honorable James Quello,
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello,

This is a letter in support of the e-rate Telecommunication discount. Our rural school is looking forward to being able to hook our school up to the information highway.

We are a rural elementary school with 69 students. Our budget is bare bones - the costs of operating a school increase every year and our district taxpayers are not always in support of spending their taxes on education. Our budget is bare bones with little left for programs such as technology. By having access to telecommunication discounts this can be the difference of being on line and not. You can understand how this bill will effect our school and almost every other school in the United States.

I encourage you to vote a hearty YES to the \$2.25 billion a year plan. The students and children of the future are counting on it.

Sincerely,



Nancy Vaira, Business Manager
Rau Elementary School Dist. #21
Sidney, MT 59270

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Office of Secretary

The Honorable James Quello
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45**Dear Commissioner Quello:**

I am the director of a regional educational agency in the Middle Georgia area. In the rural areas that my agency serves, it is imperative that students have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

Our school systems need discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the discount plan for universal service for schools.

Sincerely,

Jackie Stinchcomb

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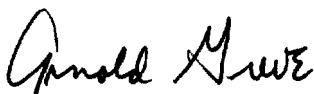
I am Superintendent of the Springfield Public Schools, a large urban school district in southwest Missouri. I am writing concerning CC Docket No. 96-45 and to encourage your continued support for this proposal that will ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing students for the workforce of tomorrow.

A discount in telecommunication costs would greatly benefit our school system in many ways. Decreasing costs associated with connecting over 50 sites to our administrative center and to the Internet, would allow for even greater learning opportunities for students by allowing the District to expand bandwidths and add more telecommunication services and equipment.

I believe it is imperative for our District to have deep discounts for telecommunications this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,



Arnold Greve, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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MOSHANNON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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JAMES J. LEBDA, Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
JAMES DUGAN
BOARD SECRETARY-BUSINESS MANAGER

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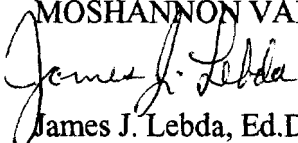
I am writing in reference to the FCC Federal State Joint Boards recommendation to provide important discounts to educational institutions for all telecommunications connections within the classrooms of our schools.

As Superintendent of the Moshannon Valley School District, I can assure you that we are committed to providing our students with every possible opportunity to benefit from recent and ongoing technological developments. However, as a rural school district in an economically impoverished area, we simply cannot afford costs associated with the expansion of such opportunities to all of our students. The discounts offered in the Joint Boards recommendations are essential to our efforts to provide rural students with the same equal opportunity as that available in wealthier school districts.

I encourage you to support the Joint Boards recommendation and provide schools like Moshannon Valley with much needed discounts for services and/or internal connections essential to continued growth and expansion of these wonderful technological opportunities.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

MOSHANNON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

James J. Lebda, Ed.D.
Superintendent

PERSHING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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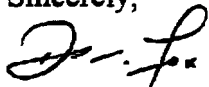
Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the Superintendent of Schools for the Pershing County School District in rural Nevada and would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our students need significant discounts for telecommunication services this year. Whereas we only enroll 1,002 students, our district covers approximately 6,100 square miles! We are rural and we are distant. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Daniel W. Fox
Superintendent of Schools

James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW, Room 814
Washington, D. C. 20554

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

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Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program. I am an employee of the Lassen County Office of Education and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable James Quello
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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JAMES W. QUELLO

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

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Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am a school principal from Wiseburn School District in Hawthorne, CA, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

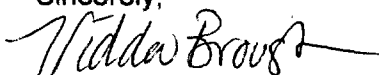
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Here in the 4-school Wiseburn Elementary District, we have passed a bond to re-wire the electrical systems of our schools so that each classroom will have 10 or more outlets, instead of the 2 that were included 20 to 40 years ago, when the schools were built. We will also be installing Cat 5 wiring, at least 5 drops per room, to support computer networking. We will start with the phone company's Education First ISDN lines between the schools and our district office, where network access arrives from the County Office of Education. Later on, we hope to install fiber between some of the schools (which happen to be located geographically close together), while retaining a paid telco connection to the more distant school. Your rate reductions will help us there, as well as in our connection to the County, which we will probably want to upgrade from ISDN to T1 as more classrooms come online. Your discount to schools for installation costs of wiring, routers and servers may allow us to have some money left over to buy workstations

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Vidda Brough, Principal
Burnett Elementary School
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JAMES H. QUAY
DIRECTOR

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jane Comitz
Jane Comitz, Principal
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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am a principal and the director of special services from Macomb Unit School District #185 in Macomb, Illinois. I appreciate your dedication in ensuring that all school districts will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$4.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

District 185 is making every effort to integrate global communications opportunities into the instructional program. The scope of this program will be severely limited or perhaps even short-lived without this discount plan.

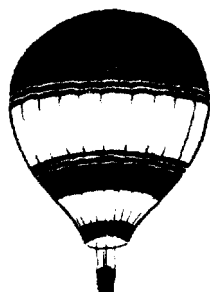
Deep discounts for telecommunications services to schools are needed this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sally Sallee
Principal and Director of Special Services
Macomb Unit School District #185

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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

On behalf of the Board of Education of McPherson USD 418, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and more importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the work force of tomorrow.

McPherson USD 418 has a plan for connecting all classrooms, labs, and offices to the Internet through our local cable television (Multimedia Cablevision) in conjunction with Southwestern Bell and an internet service provider. However, such services are very expensive and the ability to maintain them in the face of other needs is often difficult. Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. On behalf of the Board of Education of McPherson USD 418, I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Perry McCabe, Assistant Superintendent
for Business

McPherson USD 418
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